

# The Marquee

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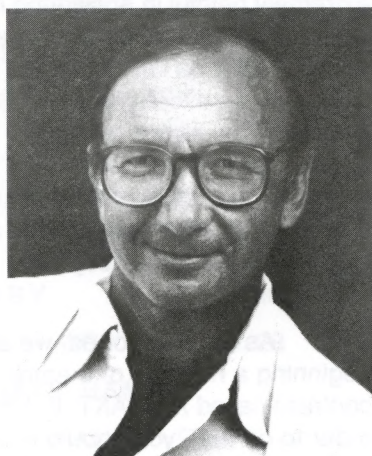
Hey, you guys! It's a fantastic year. As you can tell from this Marquee, we are growing and glowing. Kim is a fantastic Executive Director, capably calling theatres, increasing membership and getting everyone to send in their seasons. This is the largest season listing Marquee we've had in years.

And -- if you're not listed -- get us your info and we'll put you in the November Marquee. It's never too late. Oh, while you're at it, send in your membership. We have the potential to have the best year ever -- including a 7 community theatre mini-grant funded AACT/FEST! Woah! Theatre, theatre, theatre --

AND -- you'll see our presence elsewhere.

- We WILL be at the Thespian Conference in December -- bringing in playwright Max Bush as an artist in residence for workshops, etc.

- We WILL be providing a new service -- on line and through the phone -- called ASK AKT. Any theatre questions you have? Call us and Kim will connect you with someone who can help guide you to an answer. If you want workshops, sets, information, contacts, anything -- we are going to build a network of professionals helping professionals.



**PLAYWRIGHT NEIL SIMON**

- We WILL be presenting a workshop on theatre preservation and restoration in Topeka sometime this spring. Watch the Marquee for details.

HOW DID ALL THIS HAPPEN? Through a cooperative agreement with the Kansas Arts Commission (including \$) -- AKT is becoming the statewide resource we've dreamed of being.

For more information on any of the above -- call Kim!

AND -- we will be hosting perhaps the largest Mid-West regional auditions in Kansas City this spring (west of those great St. Louis auditions anyway) so look for details. If you're an actor -- sign up. If you're a company -- join in and see what talent is available.

SO -- in conclusion, I'm feeling more upbeat than ever about AKT -- the future and the

present. More details in the next Marquee -- talk to all of you soon.

Ric Averill

## INGE FESTIVAL HONORS . . .

The William Inge Theatre Festival at Independence Community college announces that Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Neil Simon will be the recipient of the "William Inge Festival Award for Distinguished Achievement in the American Theatre" at the sixteenth annual William Inge Theatre Festival which will be held April 17, 18 and 19, 1997 on the ICC campus. Mr. Simon will be honored in an evening of tribute on Saturday, April 19. Past recipients of the award include Jerome Lawrence, William Gibson, Robert Anderson, John Patrick, Garson Kanin, Sidney Kingsley, Robert E. Lee, Horton Foote, Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Edward Albee, Peter Shaffer, Wendy Wasserstein, Terrence McNally, Arthur Miller, and August Wilson. The annual William Inge Theatre Festival and Conference is a three-day event offering a wide range of seminars, workshops, lectures, and live theatrical performances. Started in 1982, the Festival has played host to playwrights, actors, directors, students, and theatre enthusiasts from all over the nation.

Neil Simon is considered one of the most successful, popular and prolific playwrights in the history of American theater.



From his theatrical success with **Come Blow Your Horn** to his most recent offering **London Suite**, Simon has been bringing laughter to audiences of the world for over 35 years and at one time had a phenomenal total of four shows running simultaneously on Broadway. He was born in the Bronx, NY, on the Fourth of July in 1927. After a brief military service at the end of World War II, he began his writing career in radio and television including writing material for Sid Caesar's "Caesar's Hour" and Phil Silvers' show "Sergeant Bilko." His first play was **Come Blow Your Horn** (1961), followed by the book of the musical **Little me** (1962). Plays that followed included **Barefoot in the Park** (1963), **The Odd Couple** (1965), **The Star-Spangled Girl** (1966), **Plaza Suite** (1968), **Last of the Red Hot Lovers** (1969), **The Gingerbread Lady** (1970), **The Sunshine Boys** (1972), **California Suite** (1976), **Brighton Beach Memoirs** (1983), **Rumors** (1988), **Lost in Younkers** (1991), **Jake's Women** (1992), and **London Suite** (1994).

He won Tony Awards for **The Odd Couple** in 1965, **Biloxi Blues** in 1985, and **Lost in Younkers** in 1991, which also received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. He is a member of the Dramatists Guild and the Writers Guild of America and divides his time between New York and Los Angeles. His autobiography **REWRITES: A MEMOIR** will be published this fall.

A complete schedule of Inge Festival events will be available in February and tickets will go on sale in March. For more information about the Inge Festival contact the William Inge Festival Office at 331-4100 ext. 216 or 1-800-842-6063, ext. 216.

## HELLO AKT!

My name is Kim Miller and I'm the new Executive Director of AKT. Since August I've been busy getting our new office in Lawrence set up and updating membership information. (I'd like to take this time to send a great big thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships!) Ric and the other board members have been extremely helpful in answering my questions and making sure I feel right at home, so I'm looking forward to an exciting year of theatre! From all the season information I've been receiving from AKT members around the state, I can tell that many of you are already beginning a busy and exhilarating year!

As Ric mentioned, we are beginning a network of theatre contacts called ASK AKT, but in order to do that, you should know how to get in touch with me. Even though our office has moved, our address has remained PO Box 1873, Lawrence, KS 66044 and we haven't changed the toll-free number either. It's still 1-800-343-2779, but in Lawrence, please call 331-0755.

I'm in the office on Tuesdays, 10:15 - 3:15, and Thursdays, 10:15 - 5:00, or you can call and leave a message. I WILL get back to you!

As you can see from the listings on the following pages, there are numerous chances to participate in and see productions in your area. If your theatre's season is missing, please send it to me and it will appear in the November Marquee, but of course, this service is for AKT members only. If you need information on renewing or starting your AKT membership, please contact me. I'm looking forward to traveling around the state and

meeting the people behind these theatre seasons. See you soon!

## 1996-1997 ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS THEATRE LIST OF SEASONS

PLEASE CONTACT INDIVIDUAL THEATRES FOR SPECIFIC CURTAIN TIMES, MATINEES, AND TICKET PRICE.

### \* \* \* BROWN GRAND THEATRE

310 West 6th Street  
Concordia, KS 66901  
913-243-2553

### Theatre for Young at Heart LAUGHING MATTERS

SEPT. 26

### ILLUSTRATED THEATRE

OCT. 13

### STONE LION PUPPET THEATRE JAN 18, 1997

ALSO SCHEDULED

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

DEC 5-7

(Cloud County Community College Theatre Dept.)

### NUNSENSE JUNE 4-7 (BROWN GRAND PLAYERS)

### \* \* \* CHANUTE COMMUNITY THEATRE

PO BOX 371  
Chanute, KS 66720

### QUILTERS SEPT. 27-29



**FAMILY LIFE: THREE  
BRUTAL COMEDIES**

FEBRUARY

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**COFFEYVILLE COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

Box Office (316) 251-7700 ext. 2145

**LITTLE SHOP OF  
HORRORS**

OCT. 30 - NOV. 3

**STUDENT DIRECTED  
ONE ACTS**

DEC. 6-7

**LIBRARY PLAY: SYLVIA  
(AT CCC LIBRARY) FEB. 7-9**
**SPRING PLAY: BUS STOP**  
 APRIL 10-13

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**THE COLUMBIAN THEATRE  
MUSEUM AND ART CENTER**

521 Lincoln Avenue

Wamego, KS 66547

1-800-899-1893

**GREATER TUNA**

OCT. 25-27

NOV. 1-3

**CHRISTMAS  
SPECTACULAR**

DEC. 6-8

DEC. 13-15

**THE FANTASTICKS**

FEB. 14-16

FEB. 21-23

**MARK TWAIN**

MAR 21-23

**BEST OF BROADWAY II**

APR 11-13

APR 17-20

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**COMMUNITY THEATRE OF  
EMPORIA**

PO Box 962

Emporia, KS 66801

342-0229

**A COUPLA WHITE CHICKS  
SITTING AROUND TALKING**

SEPT 11-14

**DIAL M FOR MURDER**

OCT. 30 - NOV. 2

**THE FANTASTICKS**

FEB. 5-8

**LEND ME A TENOR**

APRIL 9-12

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**THE COTERIE**

Box Office: (816) 474-6552

**HELEN KELLER & ANNIE  
SULLIVAN: BEYOND THE  
MIRACLE**

OCT. 8 - NOV. 3

**MACHISMA . . . VOICES  
FROM THE PAST**

NOV. 7-15

**A LITTLE HOUSE  
CHRISTMAS**

NOV. 29-DEC. 31

**WHALE**

JAN. 21 - FEB. 16

**ATHOL FUGARD'S VALLEY  
SONG**

FEB. 25 - MARCH 23

**A YOUNG PLAYWRIGHT'S  
SHOWCASE**

MARCH 26 - MARCH 27

**THE RELUCTANT DRAGON**

APRIL 15 - MAY 16

**LYLE, LYLE, THE  
CROCODILE**

JUNE 10 - JULY 20

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**EMPORIA STATE  
UNIVERSITY**
**GREASE**

OCT. 10 - 13

**THE CAR**

NOV. 20 - 23

**AN ALBEE EVENING**
**THE ZOO STORY**
**THE AMERICAN DREAM**

FEB. 19 - 22

FEB. 26 - MARCH 1

**'S WONDERFUL; THE  
MUSIC OF GEORGE  
GERSHWIN**

MARCH 14 - 16

**MUCH ADO ABOUT  
NOTHING**

APRIL 23 - 26

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**GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

Box Office: 316-276-9548

**HARVEY**

OCT. 18 - 20

**EQUUS**

DEC. 13 - 15

**CHILDREN'S TOURING  
PRODUCTION**

FEB. 14 - 16

**SPANISH LANGUAGE  
COMEDY**

FEB. 28 - MARCH 2

**STUDENT DIRECTED  
SHOWCASE**

MARCH 21 - 23

**BROADWAY BONANZA,  
A MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

MAY 9 - 11

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**GREAT BEND COMMUNITY  
THEATRE**

PO Box 361

Great Bend, KS 67530

316-792-GBCT

**CIRCLING THE DRAIN**

SEPT. 12 - 15

**GREETINGS!**

DEC. 5 - 8

**SHIRLEY VALENTINE**

FEB. 14 - 16

**STAND-OFF AT BEAVER  
AND PINE**

APRIL 24 - 27

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**GREAT PLAINS THEATRE  
FESTIVAL**

300 N. MULBERRY

Abilene, KS 67410

913-263-4574

**MY SISTER IN THIS HOUSE**

OCT. 25 - 27

OCT. 30 - NOV. 3

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

DEC. 13 - 15

DEC. 18 - 22

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**HISTORIC ORPHEUM  
THEATRE**

200 North Broadway, Suite 350

Wichita, KS 67202

316-263-0884

**STANDING UP IN  
AMERICA'S HEARTLAND**

SEPT. 7, 1996

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**HOMESTEAD THEATER**

PO Box 661

Dodge City, KS 67801

316-225-1001

**"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN,  
CHARLIE BROWN"**

OCT. 10 - NOV. 2

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**HUTCHINSON THEATRE GUILD**

PO Box 993

Hutchinson, KS 67504

**GREATER TUNA**

Nov. 7-9

**A FUNNY THING HAPPENED  
ON THE WAY TO THE  
FORUM**

FEB. 13 - 15

**THE CEMETARY CLUB**

MAY 8 - 10

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**RUSSELL COMMUNITY  
THEATRE**

PO Box 43

Russell, KS 67665

**SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN**

OCT. 8 - 12

**MARVIN'S ROOM**

APRIL 29 &amp; 30

MAY 1 - 3

**MIXED EMOTIONS**

AUGUST 5 - 9

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**SALINA COMMUNITY  
THEATRE**

303 E. Iron

PO Box 2305

Salina, KS 67402-2305

Reservations: 913-827-3033

**THE BOYS NEXT DOOR**

NOV. 1 - 19

**THE NUTCRACKER**

DEC. 10 - 15

**OLIVER!**

FEB. 7 - 23

**THE COCKTAIL HOUR**

APRIL 25 - MAY 4

JUNE 20 - 29

**\*\*SALINA CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE**

Contact Salina Community Theatre

**A THOUSAND CRANES**

FEB. 28 - MARCH 1

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**SEEM-TO-BE PLAYERS**

913-843-5067

**THE BOY WHO LEFT HOME  
TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE  
SHIVERS**

OCT. 30 - NOV. 3

**AN O. HENRY HOLIDAY**

DEC. 12 - 15



**THE SEEM-TO-BE JUST-SO  
STORIES**

APRIL 4 - 6

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**SHAWNEE MISSION NORTH****TEEN GEMS**

OCT. 1 - 2

**STARMITES**

OCT. 11 - 12

**THE MIRACLE WORKER**

OCT. 23 - 24 &amp; 26

**GUNPLAY**

DEC. 10 - 11

**WELL INTO AUGUST**

DEC. 12 - 13

**PETER PAN, THE MUSICAL**

JAN. 30 - 31 &amp; FEB. 1

**ORIGINAL ONE ACTS**

MARCH 4 - 8

**THE COMPLEAT WORKS  
OF WILLM SHKSPR,  
ABRIDGED**

APRIL 1 - 12

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**THEATRE ACHISON**

913-367-1647

**IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY**

SEPT. 27 - 29

OCT. 4 - 6

**I HATE HAMLET**

NOV. 15 - 17

NOV. 22 - 24

**PICNIC**

FEB. 7 - 9

FEB. 14 - 16

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN**

APRIL 18 - 20

APRIL 25 - 27

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**TOPEKA CIVIC THEATRE**

534 1/2 N. Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66608-1238

913-357-5213

**LAUNDRY AND BOURBON  
& LONE STAR**

SEPT. 13 - OCT. 5

**SHADOWLANDS**

OCT. 18 - NOV. 9

**BABY**

NOV. 29 - DEC. 28

**I HATE HAMLET**

JAN. 17 - FEB. 8

**HOW TO SUCCEED IN  
BUSINESS WITHOUT  
REALLY TRYING**

FEB. 28 - MARCH 29

**PACK OF LIES**

APRIL 18 - MAY 10

**SYLVIA**

MAY 30 - JUNE 21

**SEVEN BRIDES FOR  
SEVEN BROTHERS**

JULY 11 - AUG. 9

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**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS**

Box Office: 913-864-3982

**HUSH: AN INTERVIEW  
WITH AMERICA**

SEPT. 28

**THE MEMORANDUM**

OCT. 3 - 6

OCT. 8 - 12

**COMING HERE: A TRILOGY**

OCT. 18 - 20

OCT. 24 - 26

**HAIR (REVISED)**

NOV. 15 - 17

NOV. 21 - 23

**WINGS: A VIRTUAL  
REALITY PROJECT**

DEC. 2 - 10

**ORIGINAL PLAY FESTIVAL:****WING & TALES FROM THE****WASTELAND**

JAN 30 - 31

FEB. 1 - 2

FEB. 4 - 8

**ALEX AND THE SHRINK  
WORLD**

FEB. 15

**THE MERRY WIVES OF  
WINDSOR**

MARCH 7 - 9

MARCH 13 - 15

**BETWEEN PANCHO VILLA  
AND A NAKED WOMAN**

APRIL 3 - 6

APRIL 8 - 12

**ABIDE WITH ME**

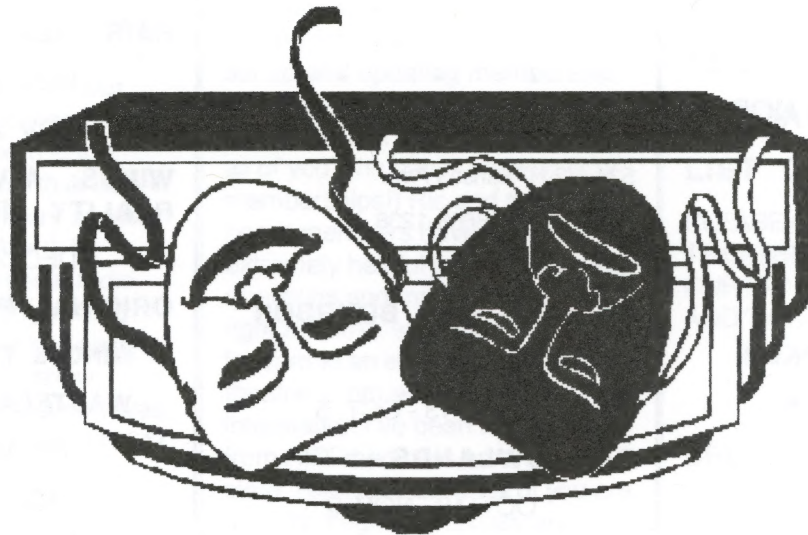
APRIL 24 - 26

MAY 1 - 3

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LAWRENCE, KS 66044



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